

REMARKS

The above referenced patent application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action, dated May 24, 2004, in which:

- the drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5);
- and claims 22-41 are allowed.

Reconsideration of the above referenced patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

A Petition for Extension of Time in order to extend the period for response 3 month(s), including the appropriate fee, is filed herewith.

Claims 22-41 are now pending the above referenced patent application. No claims have been amended, cancelled, or added.

Fig. 3a has been amended. No new matter has been entered.

1. 37 C.F.R. § 1.84

1.1. Fig 3a: Missing reference “302”

The PTO has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5). Specifically, Fig. 3a was missing the reference 302. This reference was inadvertently omitted from both the original informal and formal drawings. Applicants have added the reference to the presently submitted revised Fig. 3. Memory Unit 302 is referred to in the specification, as filed, on page 7, line 8. No new matter has been entered due to this amendment to the drawings.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the objection to these drawings be withdrawn.

2. PTO's Reasons for Allowance

While the PTO has stated their reasons for allowance, Applicants respectfully assert that they do not necessarily agree with the PTO's statements of what is “well known in the art,” or that the PTO's reasons for allowance are the only possible reasons for allowance.

In summation, Applicants respectfully assert that the PTO's reasons for allowance are not limiting to the claims and no persecution history estoppel should result from the PTO's reasoning.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all claims pending in this application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, they are invited to contact the undersigned at 503-264-7002. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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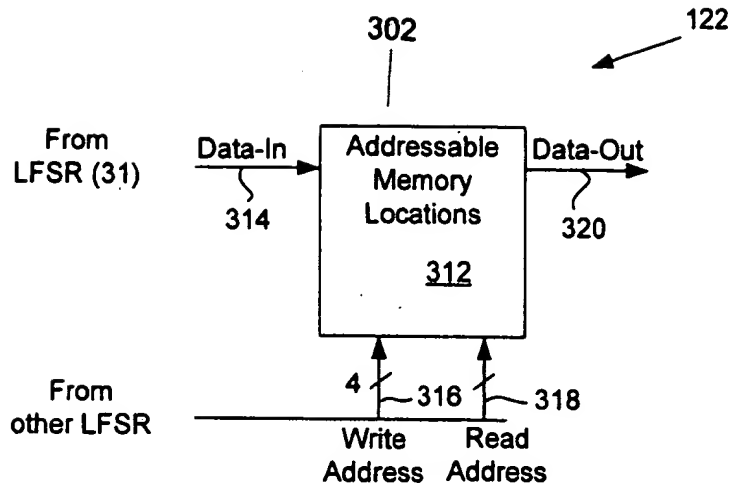


Fig. 3a

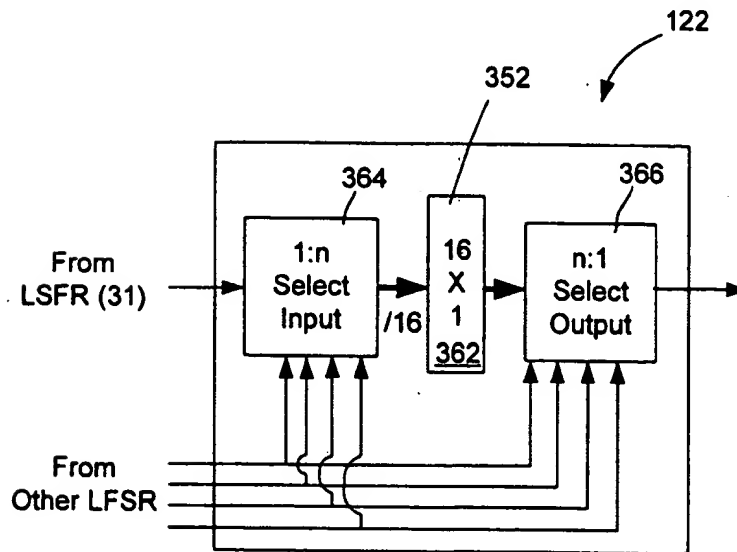


Fig. 3b